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## BAYANJARGALAN TARGET RANGE, MONGOLIA (S)

1. (S/D) A large probable radar bombing/strafing range, Bayanjargalan Target Range (BE ) has been identified in east-central Mongolia on the flood plains of the Kerulan River, 210 nautical miles (nm) northwest of the Chinese border (Figure 1). The range complex (target area and range support area) is approximately 10 by 8 nm. The range is approximately 8 by 7 nm.

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2. (S/D) The range support area (Figure 2) is approximately 3 nm west of the target area. It consists of an airfield (not on graphic), a range tower, three radar mounds, a communications and electronics area, and an administration area. The airfield is approximately 3,100 meters long and is oriented northwest/southeast.

3. (S/D) Three target grids and a derelict truck convoy (Figure 3) are in the northwest sector of the range. Each section of the grids contains an individual aircraft, tank, or truck target, which is positioned to present a different aspect angle during radar approach. Two of the target grids (six by four sections each) have been constructed since July 1979. These may be replacing the third target grid (eight by eight sections), which indicates some disrepair.

4. (S/D) A full-sized dummy airfield (Figure 4) is in the northeast sector of the range area. Twenty-four revetted dispersal areas (not all on graphic) off each end of the runway contain both derelict MIG-17 (FRESCO) and dummy MIG-21 (FISHBED) aircraft. Other derelict or dummy equipment is in the area of the airfield. A dummy antiaircraft artillery site, a dummy ammunition storage area, and a dummy POL storage area are also present.

5. (S/D) Dummy vehicle deployments (Figure 5) are in the central sector of the range area. These consist of two convoys (one with ten dummy tanks and the other with ten dummy trucks) and one tactical deployment with ten dummy tanks.

6. (S/D) Additional targets are in the north-central sector of the range area (Figure 6). These include a dummy air warning site, a dummy POL storage area, and a radar target.

7. (S/D) The Bayanjargalan Target Range is within 40 nm of three tactical aviation airfields. The lack of visible bomb damage, the arrangement of target units, and the presence of electronics vans in the support area may indicate the probable use of this range for radar bombing and scoring.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to  Warsaw Pact Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC,

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